THE FOURTH DAY.

Thursday, the 1st March 1928.

The Assembly met again at 11-30 A. M. on the 1st March 1928.

45. Needs of Quilon.

MR. ABDUL TAYEB SHAIKH KHADERBHOY (*Member, Trading Classes, Quilon*) stated that all the important shops and godowns at Quilon were situated near the Big Bridge. Goods were taken from Alleppey, Cochin and other places to Quilon in boats. They had then to be taken in head-loads to the road about 30 feet above the canal. This was a very difficult and costly process. A jetty and a few cranes were therefore absolutely necessary at the Big Bridge. Secondly, a bridge was necessary at Neendakara. Thirdly, a good road should be opened near the Asramam tile factories. Fourthly, the Olaikadavu road should be metalled and drains should be provided for it. Fifthly, drains should be constructed on either side of the road leading from the tobacco bankshall at Valiakadai to the Jew's shop junction at Chinakada.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Khaderbhoy, the question of the construction of a jetty and the provision of a crane near the Big Bridge has already been taken up by the Chief Engineer and he has an estimate for it, sent up by his Executive Engineer, which he is scrutinising at the present moment.

In regard to the construction of a bridge at Neendakara the Chief Engineer is making investigations and hopes shortly to be in a position to express a definite opinion upon the subject.

In regard to the road to the Asramam tile factory, this is really a matter for the municipality to whom properly the subject of roads should be referred.

Then you mentioned the need for the metalling of the Olaikkadavu road. In regard to that matter also the contribution from municipal funds has to be decided upon. Until then it is not possible to undertake it. You should first speak to the municipality on the subject.

In regard to the provision of drains on either side of the road from the tobacco bankshall at Valiakada to Chinakada, Government decided recently that encroachments on the road need not be evicted and that the portions encroached upon may be leased out to the occupants on kuthakapattom. The road as such is too narrow and there is not sufficient room to construct drains. However, I shall ask the Chief Engineer to look into the matter again.

46. Needs of Quilon.

MR. KUTTI ASAN KUNJU SOOPI (*Member, Municipal Council, Quilon*) said that the following needs of the Quilon town should be attended to very early by the Public Works Department:—

(*a*) The two roads running from the east of the tobacco bankshall at Valiakada to Chinakada should be metalled.

(*b*) The road from near the office of the Assistant Excise Commissioner to the Valiakada bazaar should be repaired and metalled.

(*c*) The Tamarakulam tank to the south of the Chinakada market should be sunk properly and connected with the canal, a jetty being also constructed at the tank. These measures if taken would facilitate the loading and unloading of the goods reaching the canal and would also help the development of the Chinakada market.

(*d*) The banks of the canal from the Kochupilammudu bridge to the Iron Bridge should be strengthened. The loose soil on either side of the canal was now falling down constantly and the canal was being silted up. In order to prevent this, masonry work should be put up on the banks on either side.

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(*e*) The parapet walls on the road from the Big Bridge to the salt bankshall should be repaired and strengthened. This was a subject which had been brought before the Assembly at the 22nd and the 23rd sessions, but nothing was done yet.

(*f*) A pier should be constructed at the Quilon harbour. The goods which had now to come by sea to Quilon had first to be landed at Cochin and then brought by the backwaters to Quilon. This involved much unnecessary expenditure.

The member particularly pointed out that the municipal council was unable to bear the expenditure on account of the above works, and he urged the Government to take them up themselves.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Kutti Asan Kunju Soopi, in regard to the metalling of the roads on either side of the Quilon police station from the tobacco bankshall to Chinakada, Government propose to consult the municipality as to whether they will be prepared to contribute half the cost.

In regard to the construction of a jetty on the lake to the south of the municipal market, can you say which is the lake you are referring to ?

MEMBER : Tamarakulam.

DEWAN : That is a matter which will have to be enquired into first.

As regards repair of the banks of the canal from the Kochupilammudu bridge to the Iron Bridge, that is not a matter which can be taken up bit by bit. It must be taken up as an integral part of the whole improvement of the canal banks.

In regard to the repair of the parapet walls on either side of the canal from Big Bridge to the salt bankshall, the work is actually being done regularly and if there are any further damages since the last repair, they will be attended to from the maintenance grant this year.

As regards construction of a pier, the Government have asked the Chief Engineer, the Principal Port Officer, the Excise Commissioner and the Railway Engineer to examine the possibility and the proper location and Government are awaiting their report.

47. Needs of the Vaikom municipality.

MR. P. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Vaikom*) said that he was glad to know that orders had been issued for widening and deepening the Perumchila todu. His request in regard to this was that the work should be finished before the next monsoon. The Anthakara todu should also be deepened and widened.

In regard to roads, the member said that the Kavarappadi-Muriyankulam road up to the Vaikom-Ettumanur junction and the Valiyanapuzha-Vallakam road should be repaired and made cartable. The roads on the sides of the Puthan todu should also be metalled and made cartable and a bridge should be put up at the eastern end of the *todu*. Next, the following lanes in the town should be widened and made fit for traffic :

(*a*) Kanjirathummoottu lane.
(*b*) Chekkottu lane.
(*c*) the road from Kizhakkekulam to Puthan todu.
(*d*) Kolumadam lane.
(*e*) Marappadi lane.
(*f*) Kalakkal lane.
(*g*) Tengakkaramadam lane.
(*h*) Kalappurakal lane.

Though eight in number the lanes measured in all only about 1½ miles.

The roads in the town which were maintained by the Public Works Department and the Maramath Department should also be widened and metalled.

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